

NET METERING AND SOLAR TASK FORCE

ANALYTIC SUPPORT CONSULTANT

DRAFT OUTLINE SCOPE OF WORK

MA Department of Energy Resources

November 14, 2014

ROLE OF THE CONSULTANT

The consultant will be contracted by DOER and serve to provide analytic, research, and public process work for the Task Force. Interview Task Force members and broader stakeholder participants and incorporate feedback into the report. Interviews shall be added as an addendum to the report.

BUDGET AND FUNDING SOURCE

DOER proposes to utilize available Alternative Compliance Funds to support this work.

SCOPE OF CONSULTANT WORK – OUTLINE

Task 1. Summarize the incentive programs offered in other states including but not limited to standard offer, declining block incentives and competitive procurements.

- For example, CA Declining Block, CT ZREC, RI Renewable Energy Growth, NY Sun.

Task 2. Provide a representative analysis of the level of solar development in states that do not have an incentive program.

Task 3. Analyze the costs and benefits of current Massachusetts net metering and solar incentive policy and compare to other policies from the perspective of groups the customer-generator, non-participating ratepayers and citizens of the commonwealth at large, provided that the task force may further specify groups.

Task 4. Provide a range of options for appropriate structures for providing the support to reach the 1600 MW goal and provide the opportunity for additional development.

- Identify areas where changes could be made to the current net metering and/or solar incentive programs that would offer a reduction in costs without reducing benefits and while achieving the 1600 MW and provide the opportunity for additional development.

Task 5. Complete a survey of the range of minimum bill programs from across the country, including when the program was adopted and any impacts on solar observed since adoption.

- Analysis of a minimum bill paid by all Massachusetts ratepayers in all rate classes, as a mechanism to support a reliable electric distribution system,
- Consider the impact of the minimum bill on reaching the 1600 MW goal.

Final Reports and Presentations

Task 6. Provide Task Reports and Presentations to Task Force Meetings

Attend Public Meetings and participate in opportunities for Public Comment with Task Force

Provide full report documentation on Tasks and analyses

Provide summary memos to Task Force for each Task

Provide presentation (PowerPoint) materials for Task Force meetings

DRAFT TIMELINE (2014-2015)

November Finalize Scope and Post RFP

Nov-Dec Hire Consultant, Research Begins, Task Force Meet with Consultant interview individual Task Force Members,

December Research, attend task force meetings.

January Review data collection, literature review and initial analysis with Task Force Members; Consultant Provides Draft Report. Initial public comment period.

February Consultant Provides Second Draft Report for Comment. Second public comment period.

March Final Report Reviewed, Finalized, Approved

